

JUN 30 2014

FCC Mail Room

REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

June 26, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

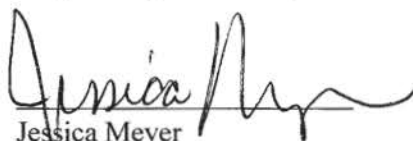
On behalf of Sycamore Telephone Company ("Sycamore"), please find enclosed two copies of Sycamore's FCC Form 481, along with the redacted versions of the Confidential Financial Information.

Also enclosed are copies of Sycamore's redacted five-year service quality improvement plan.

One copy of the FCC Form 481, containing Confidential Financial Information, is being filed under separate cover.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (402) 441-4315 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Meyer
Consultant
Consortia Consulting, Inc.

No. of Copies rec'd 0+1
List ABCDE

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 300658
 <015> Study Area Name SYCAMORE TEL CO
 <020> Program Year 2015
 <030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data Steve Ekleberry
 <035> Contact Telephone Number: 4199276012 ext. Number of the person identified in data line <030>
 <039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> steve.eikleberry@sycotelco.com

Received & Inspected

JUN 30 2014

FCC Mail Room

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

 54.313
Completion
Required

 54.322
Completion
Required

(check box when complete)

<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice) 0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband) 0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410> Fixed 0.0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420> Mobile 0.0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed 0.0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450> Mobile 0.0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> 300658oh510.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> 300658oh610.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@syctelco.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

300658oh112.pdf

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Data Collection Form

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@sycotelco.com

[illegible]

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@syctelco.com

[illegible]

<711>

[illegible]

(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form
FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@syctelco.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Sycamore Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	N/A
<812>	Operating Company	N/A

[illegible]

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 300658
 <015> Study Area Name SYCAMORE TEL CO
 <020> Program Year 2015
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Steve Ekleberry
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 4199276012 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> steve.ekleberry@Systelco.com

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
 <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
 <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
 <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
 <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
 <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
 <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
 <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
 <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes, No, NA)

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@sycotelco.com

Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
<1120> options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
<1130> broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

FCO Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@Sycotelco.com

300658oh1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2015
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@syctelco.com

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))
 <2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

☐
☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

☐
☐
☐
☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

☐
☐
☐
☐

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0086/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 300658
 <015> Study Area Name SYCAMORE TEL CO
 <020> Program Year 2015
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Steve Skleberry
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 4199276012 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> steve.skleberry@syctelco.com

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification [47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)]

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions [47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)]

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier [47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)]

(Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☒

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

300658oh3017.pdf, 300658oh3017.xlsx

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers. ☐

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
---	--

<010> Study Area Code	300658
<015> Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2015
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@Sycotelco.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SYCAMORE TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/27/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Steve Ekleberry	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager /Treasurer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4199276012 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300658	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
---	--

<010> Study Area Code	300658
<015> Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2015
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@systelco.com

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Attachments

<010>	Study Area Code	300658
-------	-----------------	--------

<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
-------	-----------------	-----------------

<020>	Program Year	2015
-------	--------------	------

<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
-------	---	-----------------

<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
-------	---	-----------------

<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@Syctelco.com
-------	---	------------------------------

1/1/2014

[illegible]

<703>

[illegible]

(710) Broadband Price Offerings
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	300658
-----------------------	--------

<015>	Study Area Name	SYCAMORE TEL CO
-------	-----------------	-----------------

<020>	Program Year	2015
-------	--------------	------

<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Steve Ekleberry
-------	---	-----------------

<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4199276012 ext.
-------	---	-----------------

<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	steve.ekleberry@Systelco.com
-------	---	------------------------------

<711>

[illegible]

SAC: 808413

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Sycamore Telephone Co., pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code "4901:1 1-6-31 Emergency and Outage Operations".

4901:1-6-31 Emergency and outage operations.

- (A) Each Facilities-based local exchange carrier (LEC) shall design, operate and maintain its facilities to continue to provide customers with the ability to originate and receive calls at all times. This commission will utilize existing FCC rules applicable to emergency and outage operations. Companies shall submit outage reports utilizing, at the company's discretion, either existing FCC reports or a format determined by the commission.
- (B) Each facilities-based LEC shall submit, within two hours of discovery, to the commission's outage coordinator and when appropriate, the news media in the affected area, a notification that it has experienced an outage, whenever that outage occurs on any facility that it owns, operates, leases or otherwise utilizes and it both:
 - (1) Expected to last for a period in excess of thirty minutes.
 - (2) Potentially affects at least nine hundred thousand user minutes in the incumbent local calling area.
- (C) Each Facilities-based LEC shall report, by telephone or electronic means, a disruption of 9-1-1 services, which impairs 9-1-1 service within a given county 9-1-1 system, immediately to each county 9-1-1 public safety answering point, to the Ohio 9-1-1 coordinator, and to the news media in the affected area, when appropriate.
- (D) Each facilities-based LEC experiencing a loss of communications or selective routing to a public safety answering point, as a result of an outage described under paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, shall also notify, as soon as possible, by telephone or electronic means, any official who has been designated by the management of the affected 9-1-1 facility as the LEC's contact person for communication outages at that facility; and the LEC shall convey to that person all available information that may be useful to the management of the affected facility in mitigating the effects of the outage on efforts to communicate with that facility.
- (E) Each facilities-based LEC experiencing an outage described under paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, shall electronically submit to the commission's outage coordinator the same information as that provided to the FCC or the following information:
 - (1) A notification that it has experienced an outage, which shall include the name of the reporting entity, the date and time of the onset of the outage, a brief description of

SAC: 808413

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 610 Description of Functionality In Emergency Situations

- the problem, the particular service affected, the geographic area affected by the outage, the number of customers affected, an estimate of when the service, including 9-1-1, will be restored, and a contact name and telephone number by which the commission's outage coordinator at contact the reporting entity.
- (2) Not later than seventy-two hours after discovering the outage, an initial communications outage report, which shall include all pertinent information then available on the outage and shall be submitted in good faith.
 - (3) Not later than thirty days after discovering the outage, the provider shall submit electronically a final communications outage report, which shall include all pertinent information on the outage, including any information that was not contained in, or that had changed from that provided in, the initial report.
- (F) Each facilities-based LEC shall develop, implement, and maintain an emergency plan and make it available for review by commission staff. The plan shall include, but not limited to, all of the following:
- (1) Procedures for maintaining and annually updating a list of those customers who have subscribed to the federal telecommunications service priority program, as identified in 47 C.F.R. 64, appendix A.
 - (2) Procedures for priority treatment in restoring out-of-service trouble of an emergency nature for customers with documented medical or life-threatening condition.
 - (3) In addition to the telecommunications service priority program, each LEC shall develop policies and procedures regarding those customers who require priority treatment for out-of-service clearance. Such procedures shall include a table of restoration priority, including, but not limited to, subscribes such as police and fire stations, hospitals, key medical personnel, and other utilities.
 - (4) Procedures for restoring service to priority critical facilities customers.
 - (5) Identification and annual updates for all of the facilities-based LEC's critical facilities and reasonable measures to protect its personnel and facilities.
 - (6) Assessments and evaluations of telecommunications facilities available to provide back-up service capabilities.
 - (7) Procedures for after-action assessments and reporting following activation of any part of the emergency plan. An after-action report will be written and will include

SAC: 808413

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

lessons learned, deficiencies in the response to the emergency, and deficiencies in the emergency plan.

- (8) A current list of names and telephone numbers of the facilities-based LEC's emergency service personnel to contact and coordinate with in the event of a real or anticipated local or national threats to its ability to provide telecommunications service.
- (9) A current list of the names and telephone numbers of the facilities-based LEC's emergency service personnel that is made available to the commission's emergency coordinator, upon request.
- (10) A continuity of operations plan to assume continuance of minimum essential functions during a large scale event in which staffing is reduced. Such plans shall provide for:
 - (a) Plan activation triggers such as the world health organization's pandemic phase alert levels, widespread transmission within the United States, or a case at one or more locations within Ohio.
 - (b) Identification of a pandemic coordinator and team with defined roles and responsibilities for preparedness and response planning.
 - (c) Identification of minimal essential functions, minimal staffing required to maintain such essential functions, and personnel resource pools required to ensure continuance of those functions in progressive stages associated with a declining workforce.
 - (d) Identification of essential employees and critical inputs (e.g., raw materials, equipment, suppliers, subcontractor services/products, and logistics) required to maintain business operations by location and function.
 - (e) Policies and procedures to address personal protection initiatives.
 - (f) Policies and procedures to maintain lines of communication with the public utilities commission of Ohio during a declared emergency.
 - (g) Each facilities-based LEC shall amend its emergency plan in accordance with the findings identified in the after-action assessment report required under paragraph (F)(7) of this rule.

Sycamore Telephone Company**Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

Sycamore Telephone Company offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information**Program Based Eligibility**

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Medicaid
 Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
 Low Income Housing Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps)
 Ohio Works First/Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
 National School Lunch Program Free Lunch Program
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 SSI – Blind and Disabled (SSDI)
 General/Disability Assistance

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 150%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$17,505
2	\$23,595
3	\$29,685
4	\$35,775
5	\$41,865
6	\$47,955
7	\$54,045
8	\$60,135

For each additional person, add	\$6,090
---------------------------------	---------

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

Sycamore Telephone Company's Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Sycamore Telephone Company's Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by [Company]. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

Sycamore Telephone Company
Sycamore, Ohio

SAC: 300658

State: OHIO

Form 481 Line No. 12/0

P.U.C.O. NO. 13

Section No. 5
First Revised Sheet No. 1
Replaces Original Sheet No. 1

LIFELINE REQUIREMENTS

(T)

The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et. al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.

(N)

Issued: June 12, 2012

Effective: June 12, 2012

In Accordance with Case No. 90-5038-TP-TRF
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Steven Ekleberry, General Manager & Treasurer
Sycamore, Ohio

SAC. 300658
State: OHIO
Form 481 Line No. 1210



Application for Telephone Assistance Program
Sycamore Telephone Company

Lifeline

Benefits:

REDUCED MONTHLY CHARGES

1. Monthly discount of \$9.25 (\$6.50 Subscriber Line Charge + \$2.75 Local Service discount).
2. No customer deposit required if you elect long-distance blocking.
3. Free blocking of long-distance and "900/976" numbers upon request.
4. No restrictions on optional services, such as Caller ID and Call Waiting.

Restrictions:

1. The Lifeline discount applies only to one phone line (including cellular phone service) per customer in your household.

For Sycamore Telephone Company use:

- * Lifeline discount: ☐ Approved ☐ Not Eligible
- * Provide copy to Applicant
- * Original (with any attachments) to Lifeline file

Signature of Customer Service Representative

Discount Effective Date

SAC: 300658

State: Ohio

Sycamore Telephone Co.

Form 481 Line No.: 510 Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As Required by Ohio Administrative Code "4901:1-6-12 Service Requirements for Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES)" the local services provided by Sycamore Telephone Co. are provided under internal company operating procedures and tariffs which are in compliance with applicable Ohio Public Utility Commission orders and rules including:

4901:1-6-12(c)

- (1) BLES shall be installed within five business days of the receipt by a telephone company of a completed application for new access line service, unless the customer requests or agrees to a later date.
- (2) The requirements to install BLES in paragraph (c)(1) of this rule is not applicable where any of the following exist:
 - (a) A customer or applicant has not met pertinent tariff requirements.
 - (b) The need for special equipment or service.
 - (c) Military action, war, insurrection, riot or strike.
 - (d) The customer misses an installation appointment
- (3) A LEC shall make responsible efforts to repair a BLES outage within twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, after the outage is reported to the telephone company.
- (4) A BLES service outage or service-affecting problem shall be repaired within seventy-two hours after it is reported to the telephone company.
- (5) If a BLES outage is reported to the telephone company and it lasts more than seventy-two hours, the LEC shall credit every affected BLES customer, of which the LEC is aware, in the amount of one month's charges for BLES.
- (6) The customer credit in paragraph (c)(5) of this rule is not applicable if the condition or failure to repair occurs as a result of any of the following:
 - (a) A customer's negligent or willful act
 - (b) Malfunction of customer-owned telephone equipment or inside wire.
 - (c) Military action, war, insurrection, riot, or strike
 - (d) Customer missing a repair appointment.



June 26, 2014

Customer Operations
High Cost Program
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Sycamore Telephone Company, SAC-300658

Customer Operations,

Please find the Five-Year Plan and the 2012 Form 479 for Sycamore Telephone Company (SAC-300658) attached to Form 481. The Company's 2013 audited financial statements and Form 479 are not currently available but will be completed by July 31, 2014. Once the 2013 Form 479 is prepared, Sycamore will upload the PDF and Excel versions of Form 479 and recertify the filing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Ekleberry', is written over a horizontal line.

Rick Ekleberry
Broadband Operations Manager
104 E 7th St
Sycamore, OH 44882

Encl.

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		<i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i> BORROWER NAME <p style="text-align: center;">The Sycamore Telephone Company</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Prepared with Audited Data)</p>			
INSTRUCTIONS -Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2012		BORROWER DESIGNATION 	
CERTIFICATION					
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.					
ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.					
DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII <i>(Check one of the following)</i>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.					
<input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report					
<u>Richard Ekleberry</u>		<u>11/6/2013</u> DATE			
PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION	
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		[REDACTED]	
		PERIOD ENDING December, 2012	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2			
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
2. Network Access Services Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
6. Uncollectible Revenues	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
10. Depreciation Expense	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
13. Corporate Operations Expense	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes		[REDACTED]	
19. Other Taxes	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
22. Interest on Funded Debt	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
27. Nonoperating Net Income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income			
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2						BORROWER DESIGNATION <div style="background-color: black; width: 50px; height: 15px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> PERIOD ENDED December, 2012	
Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION							
EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

[illegible]

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	BORROWER DESIGNATION <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PERIOD ENDING December, 2012
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	

PART D. SYSTEM DATA

1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile
------------------------	------------------------	------------------------	---------------------------------	-------------------------------

PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s) <table style="width:100%;"> <tr><td>a.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>b.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>c.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>d.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>e.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>f.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>g.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>h.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>i.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>j.</td><td></td></tr> </table>	a.		b.		c.		d.		e.		f.		g.		h.		i.		j.		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width:20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td style="width:40%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>	Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	Intrastate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
a.																											
b.																											
c.																											
d.																											
e.																											
f.																											
g.																											
h.																											
i.																											
j.																											
Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis																									
Intrastate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis																									

PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	

PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENTS	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year	Income/Loss This Year	Cumulative Investment To Date	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date	Current Balance
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	BORROWER DESIGNATION [REDACTED]
	PERIOD ENDING December, 2012

PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

☒ YES ☐ NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	[REDACTED]
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	[REDACTED]
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	[REDACTED]
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	[REDACTED]
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	[REDACTED]
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	[REDACTED]
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	[REDACTED]
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	[REDACTED]
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	[REDACTED]
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	[REDACTED]
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		BORROWER DESIGNATION [REDACTED]
INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.		PERIOD ENDED December, 2012
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2.	Net Income	[REDACTED]
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3.	Add: Depreciation	[REDACTED]
4.	Add: Amortization	[REDACTED]
5.	Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	[REDACTED]
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	[REDACTED]
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	[REDACTED]
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	[REDACTED]
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	[REDACTED]
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	[REDACTED]
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	[REDACTED]
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	[REDACTED]
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	[REDACTED]
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	[REDACTED]
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	[REDACTED]
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	[REDACTED]
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	[REDACTED]
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	[REDACTED]
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	[REDACTED]
22.	Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	[REDACTED]
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	[REDACTED]
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	[REDACTED]
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	[REDACTED]
27.	Other (Explain) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	[REDACTED]
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	[REDACTED]
30.	Ending Cash	[REDACTED]

Revision Date 2010

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

<p>USDA-RUS</p> <p>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	<p>BORROWER DESIGNATION</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</p>	<p>PERIOD ENDED</p> <p>December, 2012</p>
<p>NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	BORROWER DESIGNATION [REDACTED]
INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2	PERIOD ENDED December, 2012
CERTIFICATION LOAN DEFAULT NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	



June 26, 2014

Customer Operations
High Cost Program
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Sycamore Telephone Company, SAC-300658

Customer Operations,

Please find the Five-Year Plan and the 2012 Form 479 for Sycamore Telephone Company (SAC-300658) attached to Form 481. The Company's 2013 audited financial statements and Form 479 are not currently available but will be completed by July 31, 2014. Once the 2013 Form 479 is prepared, Sycamore will upload the PDF and Excel versions of Form 479 and recertify the filing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Ekleberry', is written over a horizontal line.

Rick Ekleberry
Broadband Operations Manager
104 E 7th St
Sycamore, OH 44882

Encl.

Five-Year Plan Sycamore Telephone Company

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(1)(ii), Sycamore Telephone Company submits a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to its network throughout its proposed service area. Sycamore Telephone Company also provides estimates regarding the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements. This plan is based on Sycamore Telephone Company's current business and financial conditions and is subject to change as a result of changes in those conditions.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313, in each subsequent year, Sycamore Telephone Company will file a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year.

As of January 1, 2014, approximately [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] exchange have access to broadband Internet service through Sycamore Telephone Company's fiber optic and or copper facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard. No capital improvements are required for those subscribers meeting the 4/1 Mbps standard other than maintenance of facilities and as such, no capital investment to these subscribers is outlined in this plan.

As of January 1, 2014, approximately [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] exchange have access to broadband Internet service through Sycamore Telephone Company's fiber optic and or copper facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard. No capital improvements are required for those subscribers meeting the 4/1 Mbps standard other than maintenance of facilities and as such, no capital investment to these subscribers is outlined in this plan.

As of January 1, 2014, approximately [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] exchange have access to broadband Internet service through Sycamore Telephone Company's fiber optic and or copper facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard. No capital improvements are required for those subscribers meeting the 4/1 Mbps standard other than maintenance of facilities and as such, no capital investment to these subscribers is outlined in this plan.

Although no capital improvements are required in the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], or [REDACTED] exchanges to bring subscribers to the 4/1 Mbps standard, Sycamore Telephone Company incurred approximately [REDACTED] in depreciation expense and [REDACTED] in on-going maintenance and operating expenses in calendar year 2013. The Company also has an ongoing debt obligation with RUS for approximately [REDACTED] per year. This debt was incurred to upgrade the network with fiber to meet the 4/1 Mbps standard. It is reasonable to expect Debt service, depreciation, maintenance, and operating expenses for the 2015 through 2019 calendar years.

Sycamore Telephone Company
 [REDACTED] Exchange

Year #		Planned Dollar Amount Capital Improvement (CAPx)	Estimated # of Square Miles Served by Capital Improvement	Estimated Population Served By Capital Improvement	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements Years 1 through 5 (Note 1)	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements for Years Prior to Year 1	On-going Maintenance/ Operating Expense
	Existing Expense- Total Company	x	x	x	x	\$	\$
1	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3	01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4	01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5	01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Since no incremental capital is forecasted through 2019 for broadband deployment, no Incremental depreciation expense is forecasted through 2019.

Depreciation expense for Sycamore Telephone Company was approximately [REDACTED] in 2013.

On-going operating expenses excluding depreciation expense was approximately [REDACTED] for Sycamore Telephone in 2013.

Sycamore Telephone Company
 [REDACTED] Exchange

Year #		Planned Dollar Amount Capital Improvement (CAPx)	Estimated # of Square Miles Served by Capital Improvement	Estimated Population Served By Capital Improvement	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements Years 1 through 5 (Note 1)	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements for Years Prior to Year 1	On-going Maintenance/ Operating Expense
	Existing Expense- Total Company	x	x	x	x	\$	\$
1	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3	01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4	01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5	01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	\$ -	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Since no incremental capital is forecasted through 2019 for broadband deployment, no incremental depreciation expense is forecasted through 2019.

Depreciation expense for Sycamore Telephone Company was approximately [REDACTED] in 2013.

On-going operating expenses excluding depreciation expense was approximately [REDACTED] for Sycamore Telephone in 2013.

Sycamore Telephone Company
 Exchange

Year #		Planned Dollar Amount Capital Improvement (CAPx)	Estimated # of Square Miles Served by Capital Improvement	Estimated Population Served By Capital Improvement	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements Years 1 through 5 (Note 1)	Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements for Years Prior to Year 1	On-going Maintenance/ Operating Expense
	Existing Expense- Total Company	x	x	x	x	\$	\$
1	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$ -			\$ -		
2	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$ -			\$ -		
3	01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	\$ -			\$ -		
4	01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018	\$ -			\$ -		
5	01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	\$ -			\$ -		

Since no incremental capital is forecasted through 2019 for broadband deployment, no incremental depreciation expense is forecasted through 2019.

Depreciation expense for Sycamore Telephone Company was approximately in 2013.

On-going operating expenses excluding depreciation expense was approximately for Sycamore Telephone in 2013.